Cordon and Search Operations

- Capture enemy or enemy sympathizers
- Apprehend criminals/terrorists
- Evacuate non-combatants
- Liberate hostages

Semi-permissive or Permissive environment

- Predicated on good intelligence fixing the exact location of the target or objective.

- Military Police operate in three elements; the security element, the support element and the assault element.

CORDON AND SEARCH

Three Elements

Security

- Isolates the objective
- Provide access control
- Prevent reinforcement and collateral damage
- Provide early warning for the assault and support elements.

Support

- Provide cover and overwatch for the assault element
- Respond to external threats/contact

Assault

- Bulk of the Force
- Enters and conducts a systematic search of the isolated area to secure, liberate, or capture the target.

CONDUCT CORDON AND SEARCH

SECURITY

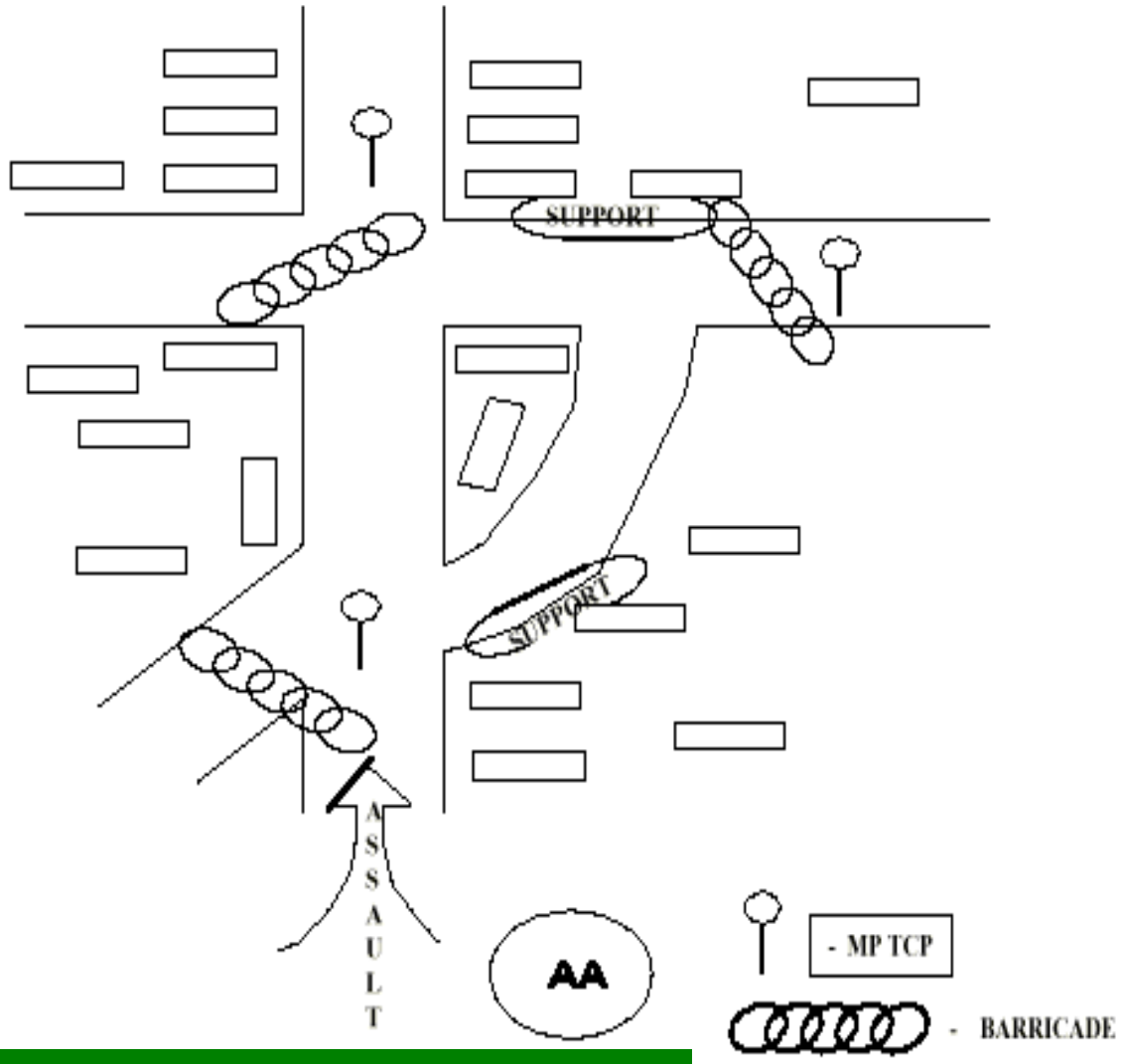
- Size Is METT-T Dependent
- Isolate Objective
  - Access Control
  - Prevent Reinforcement
  - Prevent Collateral Damage
- Provide Early Warning
- Maintain Communication

SUPPORT

- Size And Weapons Mix is METT-T Dependent
- Provide Cover/Overwatch For Assault Element
- Maintain Communication
- Platoon Sergeant

ASSAULT

- Bulk Of Force
- Conduct Systematic Search
- Maintain Communication
- Platoon Leader



Additional Implied Tasks

- Direct the screening of family members.
- Pay particular attention to families and relatives of known insurgents.
- Seek information on the locations, movement, and identity of insurgents in the area.
- Segregate suspects.
- Escorting of suspects to the holding area and secure them for processing and questioning.
- Assist the host country police in interviews.

QUESTIONS?